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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed October 8, 1998, Applicant makes the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification.

On page 5, after line 6; please insert the following passage:

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--The bioceramic composition of the invention includes a hydrated precursor of a calcium phosphate and an aqueous-based liquid in an amount sufficient to hydrate the calcium phosphate to form a paste or putty, characterized in that the hardening of the